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## **Cincinnati Installs Region's First Bicycle Corral**

*City replaces car parking with bicycle parking*

The City of Cincinnati celebrated Earth Day by permanently removing an on-street automobile parking spot and replacing it with bicycle parking. Cincinnati installed the region's first bicycle "corral" on Lingo Street in the bicycle laden Northside neighborhood. Bicycle corrals are grouped bike parking installations placed in an existing on-street automobile parking space. The Northside corral replaced one on-street automobile parking space with twelve bicycle parking spaces.

According to Michael Moore, Interim Director of the Department of Transportation & Engineering, "Providing plenty of convenient and secure bicycle parking is a critical aspect of serving those who currently use bicycles for transportation and encouraging future cyclists." Historically, Cincinnati's bicycle parking has been provided in bike racks on the sidewalk. However, in a growing number of commercial areas the demand for bicycle parking is too much for the sidewalk, and the overabundance of bicycles can block pedestrians' way.

On-street bicycle parking provides many benefits where bicycle-use is high and growing:

- Businesses: Corrals provide a 12 to 1 customer to parking space ratio and advertise "bike-friendliness."
- Pedestrians: Corrals clear the sidewalks and serve as de facto curb extensions.
- People on bicycles: Corrals increase the visibility of bicycling.
- Motor vehicle drivers: Corrals improve visibility at intersections by eliminating the opportunity for larger vehicles to park at street corners.

For more information about the City's bicycle program, visit [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/bikes](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/bikes)

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